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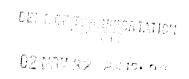
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November 27,2002

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Comments on Docket No. FAA-2002-1337s

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am extremely concerned over the proposed rules concerning commercial airline shipment of live animals. I am a dog owner, breeder, exhibitor, and judge and fly with my dogs several times each year. Often I fly to distant and prestigious dog shows, but sometimes I simply prefer to travel with one of my dogs simply for the companionship my dog provides. I have flown dogs on commercial airlines since 1983 and have never had any problems with the airlines or how they treat my dogs. I also serve as the President of the Corpus Christi Kennel Club, and we hold our shows here in our city. Because of the distance from more populous cities, we rely on exhibitors who fly their dogs to our shows for incomeboth to our club and to the local businesses such as hotels and restaurants.

Because of my interest and involvement with purebred dogs, I am committed to safe air travel for all dogs and animals. However, I am concerned that the government not create regulations that discourage air carriers from transporting animals in general, and dogs in particular. I also do not want to see government create unnecessary increases in cost or red tape to the shipping public. I believe that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed rules are overly broad and will create a burden on air carriers that could cause them to restrict or eliminate the carriage of animals. It will also result in the imposition of unnecessary costs on the public who ship dogs. I believe that the FAA proposed rules should be modified in the following ways:

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- 2. I believe that the proposed rules define "incident" too broadly. A carrier should be required to initiate an investigation and file a report **only when a complaint of loss, injury, or death of a mammal has been filed by the owner or shipper.**
- 3. I am concerned about the privacy of persons who ship mammals which may be involved in an incident, as defined by the FAA. I believe that the FAA should make clear that only the number, nature, and cause of incidents should be publicly reported. **Information about the name of the owner and name of the animal involved in the incident should not be included in information about incidents which is reported to or made available to the public.**
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government. Reports should list the animal's owner and/ or the consignor and consignee of the shipment.

I understand that The American Kennel Club (AKC) will submit a more detailed and comprehensive comment letter on these proposed rules. The AKC's objectives are to assure safe air travel for animals while assuring access to air travel at reasonable cost to the public. I agree with those objectives and would like to associate myself with the comments of the AKC.

I strongly urge the FAA to modify the proposed rules by taking into account the comments above and those of the AKC. Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Sincerely,

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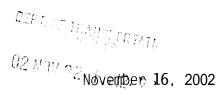
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